

TWO APPROACHES TO ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

	Traditional Adult Sunday School <i>(Generalizations)</i>	“Adult Bible Fellowships” <i>(Call them whatever you want!)</i>
Built Around	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher (strong teacher/charismatic personality), &/OR • Topic (often short-term electives), &/OR • Age Group (w/ people graduating from 1 group to next) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Constituents (those in a similar life-cycle stage) • Classes stay together through the life cycle and different studies come to them
Role of Attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of a Team to Accomplish a Purpose
Goals/Intentions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet together for a little while, study the Bible (or a relevant Christian topic), then go separate ways • Sometimes throw in a social or two • Fellowship is rarely an intentional part of the time – often it’s just the time waiting for everyone to arrive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized, intentional fellowship, care, and outreach • Bible study and application to life • Lead by a team, who develop the caring system and the relationships within the group (SEE • Provide opportunity for people to stay together, get to know each other, and develop their faith together • Is a way (not <i>the only</i> way) to honestly obey the “one another” commands in the Bible
Task(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching • (*Fellowship – sometimes) * <i>Studies have shown that this (fellowship/relationships) is the number one reason people attend Sunday School</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curricular Christian Education • Fellowship • Outreach • Assimilation
Openness of Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes can often become “closed” groups • Not always a very welcoming environment after the first few weeks • If an attendee misses a week or two, he/she can sometimes feel behind and even decide to drop out • Someone coming in six weeks into the class can feel <i>behind</i> in content of study and <i>left out</i> of the relationships that have been developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intentionally an “open” group • Always striving to be a welcoming environment • Each class is designed, from beginning to end, so that someone could come that one day and: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not feel singled out 2. Not feel lost in the Bible study 3. Take away something relevant from the discussion 4. Get to know others who are like them 5. Hear about opportunities for other activities/events outside of the weekly scheduled class time
Outreach Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YES
How It Can Grow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focuses on growth of class from <u>within</u> the church only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focuses on people both <u>in and outside</u> church to attend church and/or the Bible Fellowship
Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75 minutes (<i>60 minutes is too short to do everything well</i>)

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